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SUBJECT: NATO EXERCISE DAWN PATROL: GREEK DEMARCHE

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1. DURING APRIL 20 MEETING WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ ON
SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR GREECE AND TURKEY, GREEK AMBASSADOR
ALEXANDRAKIS SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RAISE MATTER
OF DAWN PATROL NATO EXERCISE. GIST OF HIS COMPLAINT WAS
THAT NATO PLANNING AUTHORITIES HAD CLAIMED THEY WOULD NOT
TAKE SIDES OR GET INVOLVED IN GREEK-TURKISH AEGEAN DISPUTE.

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BY PLANNING DAWN PATROL EXERCISE IN MANNER THAT DID NOT
RESPECT GREEK TEN MILE TERRITORIAL AIRSPACE, NATO WAS IN
EFFECT TAKING SIDES. GREEKS FELT THAT SUCH EXERCISES
SHOULD OBSERVE GREEK TERRITORIAL AIRSPACE. HE ADDED THAT
GOG WAS MAKING SIMILAR APPROACH IN ALL NATO CAPITALS
PARTICIPATING IN EXERCISE. NIMETZ SAID HE WAS NOT
INFORMED ABOUT THIS SUBJECT BUT WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE USNATO CONFIRMING OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT OBJECTIONS BY GREECE AND TURKEY TO EXERCISE DAWN PATROL HAVE BEEN RESOLVED AND THAT EXERCISE WILL PROCEED WITHOUT HINDERANCE. ALSO, HAVE PREVIOUS NATO EXERCISES RESPECTED GREEK CLAIM TO TEN MILE AIRSPACE AROUND

GREEK AEGEAN ISLANDS?

3. WE DO NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED IN GREEK-TURKISH AEGEAN DISPUTE IN NATO CONTEXT. USNATO IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO LIMIT ITS COMMENTS TO OTHER NATO MEMBERS ON SUBSTANCE OF DISPUTE NOTING THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED EXPRESSIONS OF GREEK CONCERN OVER LOCATIONS OF AEGEAN EXERCISE AREAS.

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